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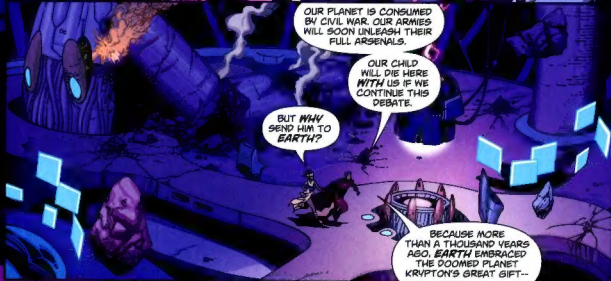


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IS OUR ONLY
HOPE.

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and the **LEGION**
OF SUPER-HEROES

CHAPTER 1:

ALIEN WORLD

ROCKETED TO EARTH FROM THE DOOMED PLANET KRYPTON, THE BABY KAL-EL WAS FOUND AND RAISED BY JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT IN SMALLVILLE, KANSAS. NOW AN ADULT, CLARK KENT FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE & THE AMERICAN WAY AS...

SUPERMAN











THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT, KENT.

YOU NEED TO MAKE SOME FRIENDS YOUR OWN AGE. WHI, YOU'VE BEEN HERE WHAT-- THREE YEARS?

THEN, MR. WHITE.

AND YET I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU MAKE A SINGLE FRIEND OUTSIDE OF JAMES OLSEN! SOME WOULD CALL THAT **STRANGE** OR **UNHEALTHY**, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I CALL IT?

BAD LUCK?



A LACK OF SELF-CONFIDENCE!

DO YOU SEE THERE? WHAT IS IT?

YOU'RE A HELL OF A REPORTER, BUT YOU NEED TO LEARN HOW TO REACH OUT TO PEOPLE.

IT'S COMING THIS WAY!



TELL A JOKE. TALK ABOUT SPORTS. WELL, SHARE YOUR MOTHER'S APPLE PIE RECIPE!

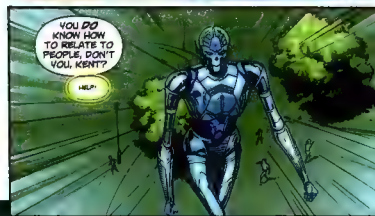
IT'S AN ALIEN INVASION!

RELATE TO PEOPLE!



YOU DO KNOW HOW TO RELATE TO PEOPLE, DON'T YOU, KENT?

HELP!



KENT?!

ACTUALLY, MR. WHITE, I THINK THERE MIGHT'VE BEEN SOME ONIONS ON MY CHEESEBURGER AFTER ALL.

AND YOU GOTTA LEARN HOW TO STOP BEING SO SENSITIVE!

Hmph



"POOR KID"





PLEASE, I MEAN
NEITHER YOU NOR
METROPOLIS ANY HARM.
KAL-EL.

WHAT?
WHAT IS
THIS?

I AM SORRY FOR
KENT APPEARANCE
OF THIS TIME DIVER.
I NEEDED TO GET KENT
ATTENTION AS QUICKLY
AS I COULD.

THE OTHERS
HAVE SAID
BRINGING YOU INTO
THIS WOULD BE TOO
DANGEROUS.

BUT I HAVE
CALCULATED OVER
SEVENTEEN THOUSAND
POSSIBLE OUTCOMES TO
THIS NEW DARKNESS KENT
NONE OF THEM END
WELL WITHOUT YOUR
INVOLVEMENT.

YOUR FUTURE
NEEDS YOU,
KAL

MY
FUTURE?

WHO
ARE YOU?

I AM
ONE OF YOUR
FRIENDS.

KENT
KENT
KENT

AA!

DO YOU
REMEMBER
US?

CLARK KENT?

KENT'S
WRONG WITH
CLARK KENT?

KENT'S NOT
WRONG WITH
KENT?



HE'S
AFRAID OF
EVERYTHING,
ESPECIALLY
GIRLS.

HAHAHA
KIDGAL?

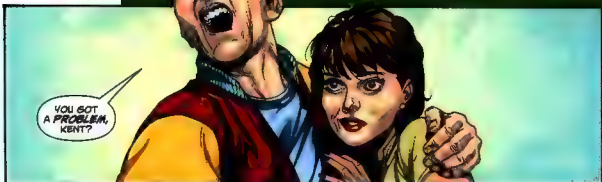
HE'S LOOKING
THIS WAY, DO YOU
THINK HE CAN
HEAR US?

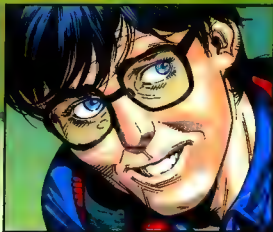
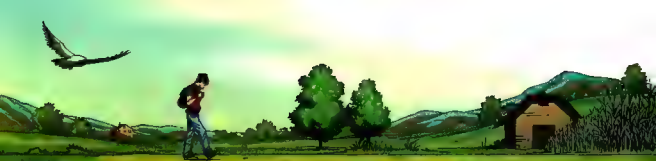
ARE YOU
GAY? HE'S
WAY OVER
THERE.

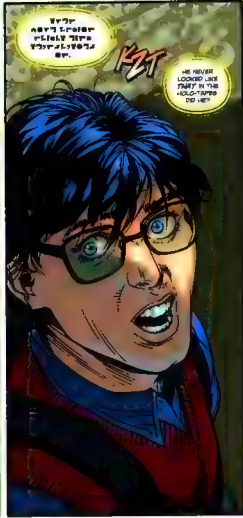
I JUST
WISH HE'D STOP
STARRING.

CLARK KENT
SAVED ME THE
CRIBS.

HEY!











WHAT'S HE STARING AT?

OH, RIGHT. I FORGOT. THERE WERENT MANY KIDS FLYING IN THE NEOLITHIC AGE.

I.

IT'S NOT THE NEOLITHIC AGE, GARTH, IT'S THE STEEL AGE.

I.

UM, IT'S THE MODERN AGE, ACTUALLY.



MODERN?

MORE LIKE THE "WE STILL PUMP GASOLINE, READ BOOKS AND WEAR GLASSES" AGE.

YOU KNOW KAL-EL DOESN'T NEED TO WEAR GLASSES.



MH, UM, MY NAME'S CLARK.



WE KNOW.

I'M COSMIC BOY. THIS IS SATURN GIRL.

AND I'M LIGHTNING LAD.

WE'RE FROM THE LATE 30th CENTURY

THAT'S THE FAR FUTURE TO YOU.

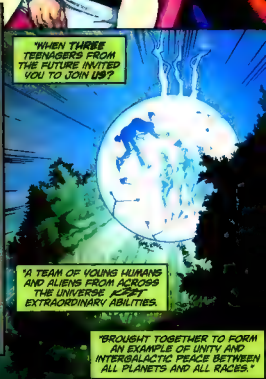


WE WANTED TO MEET YOU.

AND WE WANTED TO THANK YOU.

THANK ME?
FOR WHAT?





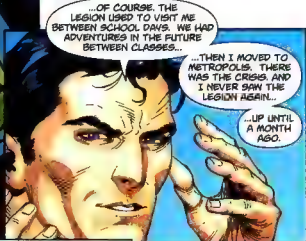
"WE WERE THE
LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES."





KSH
I APOLOGIZE
~~KST~~ THE MEMORY
CHARGE. I NEEDED TO
~~KST~~ SURE THE TIME
DIVER TRAVELED TO ~~KST~~
PROPER VIBRATIONAL
PLANE

YOU
REMEMBER
~~KST~~ DON'T
YOU?



...OF COURSE. THE
LEGION USED TO VISIT ME
BETWEEN SCHOOL DAYS. WE HAD
ADVENTURES IN THE FUTURE
BETWEEN CLASSES...

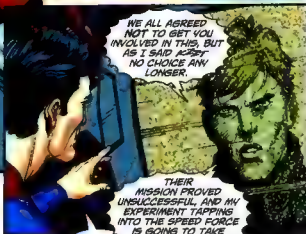
...THEN I MOVED TO
METROPOLIS. THERE
WAS THE CRISIS. AND
I NEVER SAW THE
LEGION AGAIN...

...UP UNTIL
A MONTH
AGO.

"SEVEN CAME BACK IN
TIME, BUT THEY WOULDN'T
SAV WHY."



"THEY BARELY SAID
ANYTHING BEFORE
THEY LEFT."



WE ALL AGREED
NOT TO GET YOU
INVOLVED IN THIS, BUT
AS I SAID ~~KST~~
NO CHOICE ANY
LONGER.

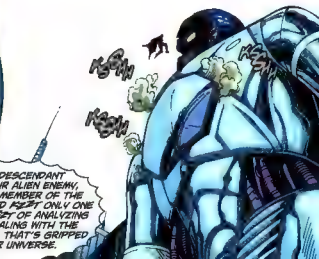
THEIR
MISSION PROVED
UNSUCCESSFUL, AND MY
EXPERIMENT TAPPING
INTO THE SPEED FORCE
IS GOING TO TAKE
MORE TIME.

IT'S YOU,
ISN'T IT,
BRAIN?

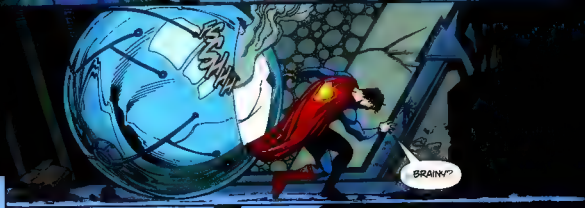
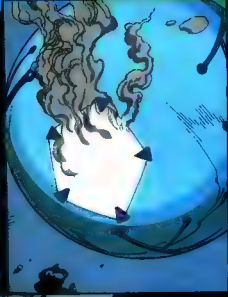
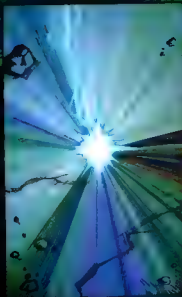


YES,
BRAINIAC S.

THE DESCENDANT
OF YOUR ALIEN ENEMY,
FELLOW MEMBER OF
THE LEGION AND ~~KST~~ ONLY ONE
WHO'S ~~KST~~ OF ANALYZING
AND DEALING WITH THE
MADNESS THAT'S GRIPPED
OUR UNIVERSE.











SUPERMAN?!

SUPERMAN,
IS THAT
YOU?

WHAT'S
GOING ON,
SIM?

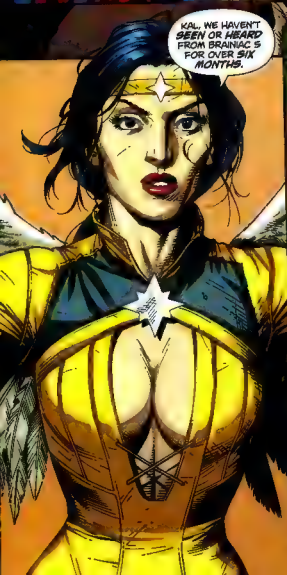
WHAT
HAPPENED TO
THE LEGION
HEADQUARTERS?
WHERE IS
EVERYONE?

KAL?!



WHAT
THE HELL IS
HE DOING
HERE?

BRAINIAC 5
SENT A TIME SPHERE
FOR ME, WILDFIRE.
HE SAID THE LEGION
NEEDED MY HELP



KAL, WE HAVEN'T
SEEN OR HEARD
FROM BRAINIAC 5
FOR OVER SIX
MONTHS.



SINCE A FEW WEEKS
AFTER THEIR TRIP TO
YOUR TIME

I KNEW
SOMETHING WAS
WRONG, BUT THE
LEGIONNAIRES
WOULDN'T TALK
TO ME.

BECAUSE WE
DIDN'T WANT
YOU FOLLOWING
US BACK.

FOR
AS SMART
AS BRAINIAC IS,
HE'S A TOTAL
MORON.



WE GOTTA
BOOT KAL BACK
TO HIS OWN ERA,
PRONTO.



I'LL
SHOW THEM
SUPER--



DAMNSTAR?

IT'S WHAT
WE'VE BEEN TRYING
TO TELL YOU.

IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS FOR
YOU HERE. WHAT
THEY'VE DONE TO YOUR
SYMBOL. HOW THEY
HIDE BEHIND IT. AND
YOUR POWERS.

...YOU NEED
TO ACTIVATE
YOUR FLIGHT
RING.

YOU SEE,
KAL, IN THE
YEAR 3006...





EARTH'S
SUN IS
RED

NEXT: WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO THE **LEGION** OF SUPERHEROES



The Fourth World. It's a stunning concept that has excited me for over thirty years.

Created, written and drawn by the incomparable Jack Kirby, the story of the Fourth World was told in a series of books (NEW GODS, MR. MIRACLE, FOREVER PEOPLE and JIMMY OLSEN) that expanded the scope, reach, energy and excitement of the DC Universe from that day forth. It was the tale of two warring planets, New Genesis and Apokolos, which were spawned from one world the day the old gods died.

I remember picking up my first *MISTER MIRACLE*, it had an incredible two-page spread where our hero was about to be crushed in a pair of giant pliers. Certain death, but Scott Frew wasn't called the greatest escape artist for no reason. No sooner than the cylinder he placed himself in was crushed, he was found standing and smiling behind his two closest friends (and no, I still have no idea how he made it out of there alive). Okay, as silly as it sounds, I was hooked. I bought the next few issues of *MISTER MIRACLE* until its abrupt cancellation, but more importantly, I went hunting for every comic that tied in to Mr. Miracle and the Fourth World.

Over the years several great creators have been brave enough to try to follow in Kirby's footsteps and further mine the richness of the Fourth World characters. This month we add one more stellar name to the list, **Jim Starlin**. Jim, no stranger to cosmic odysseys, has spent some time with Kirby creations before, but has never taken on the full extent of the Fourth World... until now.

With the aptly named **DEATH OF THE NEW GODS**, Jim Starlin closes the book on the Fourth World and its amazing array of characters. In this incredible 8-part series all the glory of the New Gods, *Forever People* and *Mr. Miracle* stands to shine one last time. It's a story that we at DC have been building to for some time. Over the last year you have been getting glimpses of the various New Gods and the mysterious entity killing them. With this series, all your questions will be answered, and you will not be disappointed.

And while we may be closing the book on the Fourth World, fear not: soon, very soon, I will be able to tell you more about FINAL CRISIS and the coming of the FIFTH WORLD.

To be continued... DD

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